



Docket No.: 1185.1018

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Kayoko MASAKI et al.

Serial No. 08/772,259

Group Art Unit: 2872

Confirmation No. 5740

Filed: December 23, 1996

Examiner: T. Nguyen

For: SURFACE LIGHT SOURCE DEVICE OF SIDE LIGHT TYPE (As Amended)

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This response is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and in response to the Office Action mailed March 1, 2007, having a period for response set to expire on June 1, 2006. A Petition for a three month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to September 1, 2007.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.